



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2013

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TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of **July Fourth - Thursday's service will be moved to Friday.**

COMING SOON— PAINT RECYCLING AT TRANSFER STATION

The Mansfield Transfer Station will soon begin accepting latex and oil-based paint in containers of 5 gallons or less. Spray paint will still need to be taken to the Willington Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility. Connecticut passed a law in 2011 requiring paint manufacturers to take back left over paint. The latex paint will be recycled and the oil-based paint will be treated as hazardous waste. Notice of when we will begin accepting paint at the transfer station will be posted on the Mansfield website and sent out through the Town's e-mail notification system.

FISHING LINE RECYCLING

Littered monofilament fishing line can be deadly to marine mammals, turtles, fish and birds. Mansfield has placed fishing line recycling tubes (made out of PVC pipe) at several local fishing holes. Please retrieve all snagged fishing line and place in these containers.

FREE EVENT RECYCLING CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

Recycling bins for special events, concerts, fairs, and festivals are available to Connecticut communities through a grant that CT DEEP received from Keep America Beautiful and Anheuser-Busch Foundation. Mansfield is one of the storage locations for these containers. If your group would like to borrow recycling containers for your event, please contact Virginia Walton at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org. Bins are available for any event within the state of Connecticut and are free.

SWAP SHOP DONATIONS

There is no charge to donate good quality items for the Mansfield Swap Shop. Swap Shop donations will be inspected at the gate, and low quality donations, determined by the transfer station supervisor, will be charged.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington, will be open July 20, Aug 3 & 17, Sept 12 & 21, Oct 5 & 19 and Nov 2, 2013. The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.org/hhw.

COMPOST COLLECTION CONTAINERS

2.25 gallon kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$16.00 through the Town. Since they were purchased in bulk, we can pass along a modest savings to you. Call 860-429-3333 or e-mail waltonvd@mansfieldct.org if you would like to purchase one.

PLANT POT REUSE

Undamaged plant pots (1 gallon and smaller) and trays of all sizes can be reused at Hockanum Greenhouse on the corner of Bone Mill Road and Route 44. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving adults with disabilities. Damaged plant pots can be recycled. Clean off the dirt before placing with other household recyclables.

**SOLARIZE MANSFIELD
PROGRAM EXTENDED
TO JULY 31, 2013**

Solarize Mansfield-Windham has been extended until July 31, 2013 to allow residents the opportunity to utilize new financing options available through the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA). These options make it possible to install solar with little or no money down. Low monthly payments allow customers to be cash flow positive from the first month they install solar. Homeowners in Mansfield and Windham who are interested in learning more about these financing options should consult the Towns' selected Solarize installer, C-TEC Solar, at 855-767-6527.

**NEIGHBOR TO
NEIGHBOR ENERGY
CHALLENGE**

The Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge will be concluding July 10, 2013. During the challenge, 636 residents pledged to reduce their energy use, 148 residents had home energy audits and 9 made further efficiency upgrades. Through these actions, the Town earned a monetary award, which was presented to Town Council on June 24, 2013. This award will help with the purchase of a solar, LED streetlight that will be placed at the entrance of Farrell Field.

**THE NEXT EVOLUTION IN
LIGHTING - LED
LIGHTBULBS**

LED light bulbs are now available for all kinds of lamps and fixtures. Unlike fluorescent bulbs, they do not contain mercury or other toxins. They perform like an incandescent bulb but use a fraction of the energy and last much longer. For instance, a 4 watt LED bulb produces as much light as a 40 watt fluorescent bulb and a 100 watt incandescent bulb. The cost of LED bulbs has dropped dramatically in the past few years. Consider this, as you change a bulb replace it with an LED.

**THE HIDDEN TRUTH
ABOUT CONSUMPTION**

For every can of garbage at the curb, there are 87 cans worth of materials that come from the extraction industries—such as timber, agricultural, mining and petroleum—that manufacture natural resources into finished products. *Source: World Resources Institute*

MEDICINE DISPOSAL

In streams and rivers across the Nation, scientists are finding detectable concentrations of pharmaceuticals, such as antidepressants, hormones and antibiotics. Drugs in water, even in highly diluted concentrations, can have adverse effects on aquatic life and human health. Disposal of unwanted medication down the toilet or sink can pass through septic systems and sewage treatment plants untreated into our water system.

Place medicine in the trash. Mansfield's garbage is burned at a trash incinerator at very high temperatures, which destroys these products and prevents them from getting into our water. The CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) recommends that you follow these steps before you put any medicines in the trash:

1. Keep medication in original container. Cross out patient's name.
2. Modify medications to discourage consumption. For solids, add a small amount of water to dissolve. For liquids, add salt or a powdered spice. For blister packs, wrap in duct tape.
3. Tape container lid shut.
4. Discard the container in your garbage can.

For more background information go to <http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc/index.html>

**NOTIFICATION OF
TRASH SERVICE
CHANGES**

To be informed of trash service changes due to an emergency, sign up for e-mail notification. Go to www.mansfieldct.gov. Click on the E-mail notification tab. Select the Press Releases and/or Environmental Programs boxes.